

Public Awareness Committee
Human Relations Commission
September 12 2019, 5:00 pm

The meeting of the Public Awareness Committee (PAC) was called to order at 5:14 pm. Present for the meeting were David Garrett (Chair), Whittona Burrell, Olga Ramirez, Dolores Finger Wright and Gail Tarlecki. Quorum was verified.

Notes from the July 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following changes: Olga Ramirez was present, and Dolores Finger Wright's first name was misspelled and should be corrected.

Upcoming events were reviewed. The Festival Hispano 2019 event is on Sunday, September 15 in Georgetown. The Veteran's Stand Down event is on Friday, September 20 in Dover. The CHEER Beach Day event on Tuesday, September 24 is being held at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. We will not have a table at this event, as the cost is prohibitive. David Garrett stated that he will still attend and do a "walk and talk." Commissioner Whittona Burrell expressed her desire that all members of the PAC use business cards either for themselves or cards of key staff members as a greeting handout at the various events we sponsor and for which we have a presence.

Romona Fullman shared with the PAC that PSAs are available for media distribution on the topics of Fair Housing and Sexual Harassment. These are in both audio and video formats. Another resource is available—How to File a Complaint (regarding Discrimination and/or Equal Accommodation).

Commission Chair Gail Tarlecki shared with the PAC that January is the right time for a Legislative Signing by Governor Tom Carney designating January as Human Rights Awareness Month. If this is to happen, work must begin immediately by members of the Commission to have it approved and scheduled. If we are successful in getting this accomplished, we should have a table set up at Legislative Hall with materials reflecting the work and mission of this Commission. Members of the PAC, and the Commission in total, should schedule visits with their respective politicians in the Delaware Legislature.

Motion carried to adjourn at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner David Garrett